



## **King County**

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## **Veteran Citizens Levy Oversight Board (VCLOB)**

### **Meeting Summary**

**March 18, 2010 2-4 p.m.**

**Beacon Hill Library  
2821 Beacon Ave. S., Seattle**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Wood at 2:00 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** Chair Bill Wood, Ron Forest, Oren Hadaller, Doug Hoople, Gary Kingsbury, Cynthia Lefever, Kathy Lewis, Robert Stephens Jr., Roger Welles.

**Board Members Excused/Absent:** Stan Gunno, Vice-Chair Francisco Ivarra.

**King County Staff Present:** Debora Gay, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Jon Hoskins, DCHS; Marcy Kubbs, DCHS, Karen Brawley, DCHS; Laird Heia, DCHS.

**Guests:** None

### **Review of Meeting Summary**

The draft January 21, 2010 meeting summary was reviewed and a minor change was noted. Roger Wells' name will be deleted from the meeting attendee list.

**ACTION:** The January 21, 2010 meeting summary was approved with the noted change.

### **Update on #2.2 Permanent Housing**

Karen Brawley, Program Manager for DCHS, provided an update on Strategy #2.2 Permanent Housing. Karen reviewed the status of 2007-2009 Levy funded projects and reviewed the recent Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) awards.

### Discussion:

The revenue available for permanent housing projects is decreasing due to the current economic climate. In August 2010, Karen would like to update the board on the status of the current revenue stream.

St. Andrew's Housing Group project, Andrews Glenn, is to be completed by December 2010. The groundbreaking event is scheduled for Monday, April 5 at 10am. All board members are encouraged to attend. Please let Laird or Marcy know if you are available.

Other projects due to open this year:

1. YWCA, Passage Point - March 2010
2. Sound Mental Health, Holly Creek Apartments – March 2010
3. Vashon Household, Mukai Commons Apartments – June 2010
4. Catholic Housing Services (formerly known as Archdiocesan Housing Authority), Bakhita Gardens – December 2010
5. St. Andrew's Housing Group, Andrew's Glen – December 2010
6. Catholic Community Services, Monica's Village Place – December 2010
7. Plymouth Housing Group, Scargo Hotel – December 2010

Through the 2009 Combined NOFA awards, the V-HS Levy awarded a total of \$2,478,392 funds to St. Andrews Housing Group, Totem Lake Apartments; LIHI, White River Gardens and Compass Center, Ballard Veterans Housing Project.

Fred Steele, King County Veterans' Program (KCVP) and Marcy Kubbs need to be informed of all groundbreaking and opening events in order for them to have adequate time to inform their respective boards.

### **Committee Reports**

There were no reports.

### **Chair's Report**

There was no Chair's Report.

### **King County Staff Report**

The 1<sup>st</sup> biannual report to King County Council and the 2009 Annual Report are currently in development. Initial review of service data for 2009 indicates that a minimum of over 25,000 veterans were served by Veterans and Human Services Levy dollars activities, an increase of 5,000 from 2008. Further review will be needed before the final figure is available.

The Joint Strategy 5 and Strategy 3 Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, March 30 at the Montlake Library, 2401 24th Ave E.—Seattle from 4-5:30pm. Jon Hoskins will provide and review the Strategy 3 Evaluation Activity Reports.

### **Old Business**

VCLOB board members Roger Wells and Doug Hoople are on the RFP panel for Outreach to Underserved Veteran Populations and have been part of the applications review process. They will keep the board informed as the RFP review progresses.

### **New Business**

King County TV would like to develop a program on the King County Veterans Program (KCVP) for an April airing. Client stories, site visits, King County Veterans' Program Advisory Board (KCVFAB) and VCLOB member interviews, and the opportunity to show the breadth of our veterans (from Vietnam to Iraq/Afghanistan) are story lines under consideration.

King County Councilmember Bob Ferguson presented to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Tukwila chapter on Monday, March 15. There was discussion about the upcoming Levy renewal in 2011.

Sadikifu Akina-James will be presenting information on the V-HS Levy to the Aging and Disability Services Advisory Council on Friday, April 9 from 12 – 1pm at the Seattle Municipal Tower, 40<sup>th</sup> Floor. To date, Kathy Brash, Gary Kingsbury and Cynthia Lefevre have committed to being there.

Board members would be interested in an update on the progress of the 10 Year Plan, particularly as it relates to veterans. It was recommended to put an update on the agenda at a future meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Oren Hadaller recently read that 38% of Americans will see the inside of an Emergency room in a given year.

April 30 – May 1, 2010 is the Washington State Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) conference in SeaTac, Washington. For more information on the conference and how to enroll, go to their website ([http://www.tbiwashington.org/prevention/2010\\_conference.shtml](http://www.tbiwashington.org/prevention/2010_conference.shtml)). The board discussed the value and importance of having strong veteran input with the Washington TBI group.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.